LITTLE PETER, left and Rosewitha, 10-month-old twins, German orphans who were flown from Austria to Dallas, Tex., and were handed to Mr. and Mrs. Monroe C. Rice of Ft. Worth to start life anew. The 33-year-old French warbride and her husband of 13 years, plan to rename the twins, first choice for Rosewitha is Caroline and are leaning toward Gary Robert as a new title for Peter. (AP Wirephoto)

SLOW WORK

Man Struggles, Regains Health

EL MONTE, Calif. (AP)—About a month ago, Mickey Thompson was told his legs might be permanently paralyzed.

To a man who lives to move along the ground at 400 miles an hour, permanently sounds like an awfully long time to sit still.

The terrifying prospect probably still occurs to him—while he's out walking.

Thompson, the world's fastest motorist, is not only back on his feet but is flying to Salt Lake City today to line up some dates for his 1961 assault on the world land speed record. That's where he achieved the unparalled speed of 406.6 m.p.h. in a one-way run this year.

What has happened to Thompson since Nov. 6 is the story of a man who helped overcome paralysis in his legs by refusing to let the paralysis spread to his heart.

On that day, Thompson had run his two-engine speedboat down a course on Nevada's Lake Mead and was starting back up course when another boat raised a little wave in front of him.

"When I hit it," he said, "it threw my boat up in the air and when the boat came down it hit a larger wake. The boat was going up again when I hit it coming down.

"I start to let my foot off the gas and discovered my feet wouldn't work. I finally had to pull my foot off the gas with my hands."

Thompson was hospitalized at Boulder City with two crushed vertebrae. The back injury paralyzed him from the waist down. He was told he should spend at least three months in a plaster cast.

Seven days later he left the hospital.

"I didn't like laying in bed," he said. "I wanted to get home."

Once here, Thompson started exercising in bed. At first he could move only his toes. Soon he was moving both feet. On Nov. 18 he took two or three steps.

"It hurt real bad," he said. "But it was just a matter of going ahead and doing it."

By Nov. 22 Thompson was able to spend seven hours up and around, working in his shop and driving around on business.

Driver Forced To Down Vodka, Keep Going

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The driver of a municipal bus, No. 71, splashed by knots of San Franciscans standing in a downpour Thursday, waiting to go to work.

Angry commuters could see the driver, William T. Johnson, 43, drinking from a bottle.

Men cursed. Women gritted their teeth. Some hammered at the windows with their umbrellas and pleaded when the bus slowed.

Johnson refused to stop.

What they couldn't see inside was a teen-age hoodlum with a 45-caliber automatic forcing the driver to down most of a half-pint of vodka as he drove his route. Later he robbed Johnson of $46 and fled.

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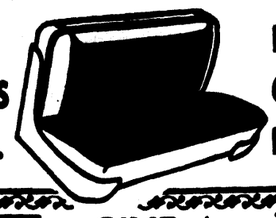

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Vocal And Band Groups Practice

Vocal and band departments at West Monroe High School are preparing for their traditional Christmas concerts.

The vocal department will give its presentation Dec. 9 in the school auditorium with Mrs. Arnold Kilpatrick directing.

The 37-member choir will sing both popular and traditional Yuletide songs, such as, "I Wonder As I Wander," "Glory to God," and "Home For The Holidays."

Five numbers will feature the ensemble. Included will be "I'll Be Home For Christmas," and "Falling Snow."

The ensemble is composed of Margaret Lolley, Dorothy Stewart, Jane Ware, Rita Miller, Ann Shows, Marilynn Frantom, Matt Walker, Jack Howell, Jerry Roberts, Charles Wilson, Ronnie Bayles, Billy Hancock and Roger Pinton.

Solo sports will feature Miss Lolley, Miss Ware, Walker and Howell.

Guest artist for the band concert, set for sometime in December, will be Jack White, Ouachita Parish Junior High School band director. White, trumpet player, will be featured in "Fantasia" and "The Carnival of Venice."

To be featured in "The Original Dixieland Concerts" will be Walter Culp, clarinet; John Graham, saxaphone; Travis Heard, trumpet; Robin Watson, trombone; Clyde Jordan, string bass, and James Lolley, drums.

Among the Dixieland numbers will be "Ballin' the Jack," and "Jazz Me Blues."

Pleads Guilty To Murder Plot

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Ex-film producer James R. Howlett, 64, has pleaded guilty to a charge he tried to hire a man to kill his rich wife Leone, 78.

Henry Lucero, 26, had told officers Howlett offered him $2,000 to murder Mrs. Howlett. Lucero, who earlier advertised he'd consider anything legitimate for $1,000, went to police instead.

Howlett will be sentenced Dec. 22 on his surprise plea of guilty to a charge of soliciting another to commit a crime. His wife said she would stand by him.

Canada Plans Minor Revision In Proposal

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (AP) —Canada is planning minor revisions in its proposal to set up yet another disarmament committee in hopes of winning U.S. support for the move.

U.S. officials took exception to Canada's original version. They said the United States might abstain or even vote against the plan put forth by its neighbor.

Canada wants the General Assembly to recommend that a small committee of non-nuclear countries be set up to help get big-power disarmament talks started again. U.S. sources have said they could see no sense in setting up one more committee on disarmament when the Soviets walked out of the last one in Geneva June 27.

A Canadian source said today that after consultations between Washington and Ottawa, the United States suggested a few changes in the Canadian plan and Canada said they would be considered in drafting a revision.

The source did not elaborate, but he said the differences involved "a matter of phraseology" and not the idea of the non-nuclear committee itself.

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